

SENATE BILL 1687
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 relative to titling and
registration.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-101(d)(1) is amended by adding the following:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner of safety has the authority to establish a procedure to accept electronically any and all remittances, titling and registration transactions.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-3-111 is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) The division shall keep a record of all outstanding certificates of title issued by it in suitable books as follows:

(1) Numerically, under the certificate of title number assigned, which entry shall show, in addition to title number, all the information required to be set out on the face of the certificate;

(2) Under the serial number, if available, otherwise under any other identifying number of the vehicle, which entry shall show, in addition to the serial number or other identifying number, the number of the certificate of title issued for such number; and

(3) In the discretion of the division, in any other manner it may deem desirable.

(b) The division shall retain in separate files for a period of at least five (5) years all certificates of title which have been transferred or superseded by certificates of title subsequently issued to the transferees or purchasers of the motor vehicle in question, and shall keep a record of such titles in suitable books as follows:

Numerically, under the certificate of title number, which entry shall show, in addition to the title number, all the information required to be set out on the face of the certificate of title, together with the number of the certificate of title, which shall have been issued to supersede and take the place of the certificate of title in question as the outstanding certificate of title.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-106 is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

The division shall file the original of each certificate of registration received by it from the various county clerks, and shall keep a record of all such certificates of registration by registration years for a period of at least five (5) years in suitable books as follows:

(1) Numerically, under the registration number assigned by the county clerk issuing the certificate of registration as herein provided, which entry shall show, in addition to the registration number, all the information required to be set out on the face of the certificate of registration; and

(2) Alphabetically, under the name of the registered owner, which entry shall show, in addition to the name of the registered owner, the number of the owner's certificate of registration.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-3-115(b) is amended by adding the language "or duplicate" after the word "replacement" wherever it appears in the subsection.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-115(a)(1) is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

"Temporary operation permit" means a permit which the commissioner is authorized to issue to an applicant desiring to operate a motor vehicle, otherwise subject to registration in Tennessee, over the streets and highways of this state for a temporary period of thirty (30) days, where it appears that the proposed operation is actually temporary in character. The fee for this issuance shall be five dollars (\$5.00). The commissioner shall also have the authority to issue one (1) additional temporary operation permit for a period of thirty (30) days upon payment of an additional five dollar (\$5.00) fee.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-115(b)(1) is amended by deleting the language "eighteen thousand pounds (18,000 lbs.)" and by substituting instead the language "twenty-six thousand pounds (26,000 lbs.)".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-221(c)(4) is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(4) The commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to design, issue and regulate the use of temporary plates for use in cases

where dealer plates cannot be used. Temporary plates may be issued for a period of thirty (30) days. The fee for the thirty-day plate shall be five dollars (\$5.00). The plate may be renewed for one (1) additional thirty-day period upon the payment of an additional five dollars (\$5.00). No person may operate a motor vehicle for more than sixty (60) days with the temporary plate. Nothing in this section shall be construed as a grant of authority for the issuance or use of such temporary plate on trucks or truck-tractors being used or tested under load conditions over the streets and highways of this state.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-245(b)(1) is amended by deleting the word "notarized".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-258(b)(1) is amended by deleting the word "notarized".

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.